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Professor Joshua Lederberg,
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Dear Professor Lederberg,

Thank you very much for your material enclosed with your letter of April 1st which, after some delay, has been passed on to me as Murray Sayle is away in Vietnam. I am sorry about the unstamped letter in February. I have known our Correspondence Department to send letters to the United States by sea, but without postage at all is an entirely new departure.

I read the copies of your Washington Post column with deep interest. I find the subject many of them deal with - the implications of what is now going on in genetics and reproductive physiology - one of the most fascinating in the whole of science. I am very much afraid though, that we will not be able to take the column. The Editor is not very keen on regular columns on science or anything else.

But since you have made a proposal to us, may I make one to you in return? From time to time we do want to commission special articles by distinguished scientists. Would you be interested? I have nothing in particular in mind at the moment, but I am sure that an opportunity will crop up before very long.

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In the meantime, many thanks for the material you have sent us. This will be very useful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Bry-Silcock', written in a cursive style.

Bryan Silcock
Science Correspondent.